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SUBJECT: MINTOFF VISIT

REF: TUNIS 1199

1. MALTESE PRIME MINISTER DOM MINTOFF VISITED TUNIS MAR 8-10, MEETING WITH PRES BOURGUIBA, PRIMIN NOUIRA AND FONMIN MASMOUDI. AFTER MEETING WITH BOURGUIBA, MINTOFF SAID HE HOPED MEETING WOULD ESTABLISH SOLID ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND IMPROVE CHANCES FOR PEACE IN MED.

2. COMMUNIQUE AT END OF VISIT SAID TWO COUNTRIES AGREED TO REENFORCE BILATERAL COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY IN ECONOMIC SPHERE. EXPERTS WILL MEET TO STUDY HOW THIS SHOULD BE DONE. TWO COUNTRIES ALSO AGREED ON NECESSITY TO ESTABLISH AIR AND SEA LINKS TO ENCOURAGE TOURISM AND COMMERCIAL CONTACTS. IN THIS REGARD, AVIATION AGREEMENT SIGNED BY MASMOUDI AND MINTOFF WILL ESTABLISH ROUTE BETWEEN TUNIS AND VALLETTA. PLEDGE ALSO MADE TO PURSUE EFFORTS FOR PEACE IN MED AND COOPERATION AMONG MED
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COUNTRIES.

3. IN ADDITION TO BILATERAL MATTERS, TALKS CENTERED ON
UPCOMING FOUR POWER MEETING (TUNISIA, LIBYA, MALTA, ITALY)
AT END OF MARCH IN TUNIS AND PRESUMABLY ALSO BROADER
MEETING OF NON- ALIGNED MED COUNTRIES IN ALGIERS.
ACCORDING LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE, THIS
REPORTEDLY STILL SCHEDULED FOR APRIL.

4. BOURGUIBA DECORATED MINTOFF WITH ORDER OF REPUBLIC,
AND MINTOFF INVITED BOURGUIBA, NOUIRA AND MASMOUDI TO
MALTA FOR OFFICIAL VISITS, WHICH THEY ACCEPTED.
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